STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 0 1 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 94

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 94 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF REMOTE SCHOOLS WHEN REEVALUATING THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Committee on Weights and Board of Education to consider the unique needs of remote schools when reevaluating the weighted student formula.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that remote schools are subject to unique circumstances that make them more expensive to operate, per pupil, compared to more populous schools. The per pupil funding that accommodates the needs of most schools leaves remote schools with fewer staff than necessary to provide sufficient high school level courses. Special funding considerations need to be made to ensure that remote schools are adequately staffed and capable of providing all the courses and services students need to graduate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 94 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	) Nay	Excused	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		V				
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)						
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					<b>✓</b>	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.						
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					<b>V</b> ,	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				·	_	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					V	
THIELEN, Laura H.						
SLOM, Sam						
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TOTAL		5			4	
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Breene Horizon						
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